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SUBJ: COMORIAN INDEPENDENCE

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1. MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES STASI AND COMORIAN PRIME MINISTER ABDALLAH SIGNED DECLARATION JUNE 15 UNDER WHICH COMOROS' ACCESSION TO INDEPENDENCE WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGH CONSULTATION OF POPULATIONS OF ARCHIPELAGO AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT WITHIN PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FROM DATE OF DECLARATION.

2. COMMENTING ON DECLARATION, ABDALLAH STATED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD GOT ALL THAT IT WANTED. COMORIAN CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD BE ATTACHED TO FRENCH EMBASSIES IN MADAGASCAR, KENYA, TANZANIA, SAUDI ARABIA AND MAURITIUS. COMORO ISLANDS WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN AFRICAN SUMMIT MEETINGS OF OAU AND

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OCAM, IF INVITED. COMORO ISLANDS WOULD REMAIN IN FRANC ZONE,
AND BANK OF COMORES WOULD BE CREATED DURING TRANSITION PERIOD.

3. COMMENT: RELATIVELY LEISURELY PACE OF POLITICAL
DEVELOPMENT MAY COME AS SURPRISE TO COMORIANS. FROM
FRENCH POINT OF VIEW, IT IS INDISPENSIBLE IF ECONOMIC AND
BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED FOR GENUINE INDEPEN-
DENCE IS TO BE CREATED BEFORE ACTUAL TRANSFER OF SOVEREIGNTY
TAKES PLACE.

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